

14. University of West Florida Multi-Use Trails

Legend



Trailhead (Hiking)



Canoe Launch



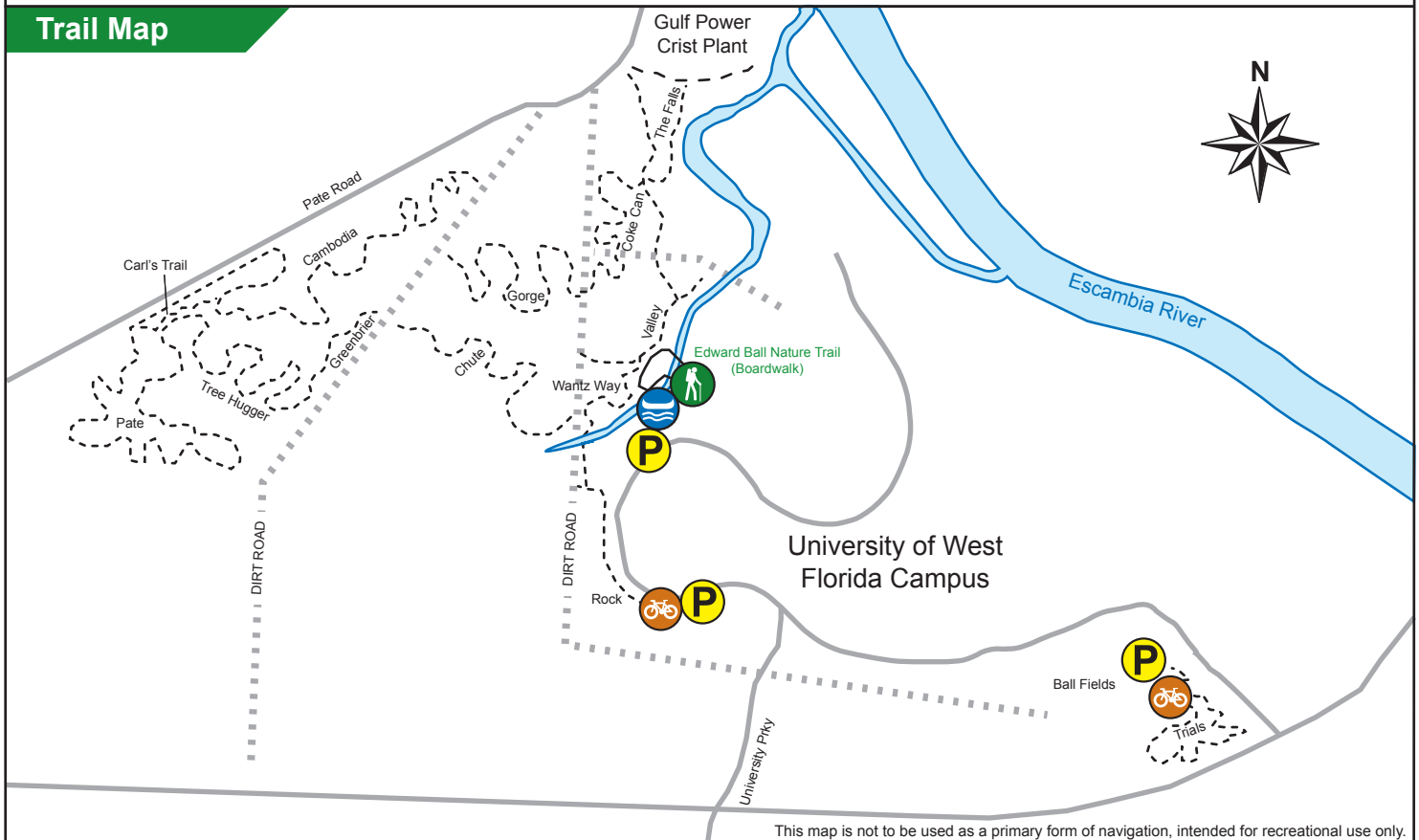
Trailhead (Mtn Bike)



Parking



Trail Map



This map is not to be used as a primary form of navigation, intended for recreational use only.

Description

Hiking, Biking, Mountain Biking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Horseback Riding, Birding

Catering to hikers, joggers, cyclists, and equestrians alike, the University of West Florida offers miles of paths for public use. The university's 1,600-acre campus has been designated a nature preserve. The nature walk is divided into three areas, which can be walked in its entirety or separately as time permits. You can enjoy walking along a half-mile boardwalk that winds through a hardwood swamp above Thompson's Bayou. The Edward Ball Wildlife Sanctuary is a favorite destination for viewing wildlife and plants. Visitors can also enjoy several naturally preserved and landscaped areas on the main campus. UWF property also borders the Escambia Bay estuary.

Landscape & Wildlife:

The Edward Ball Nature Preserve features a half-mile boardwalk, which meanders through Thompson's Bayou over a hardwood swamp, with prothonotary warbler-laden cypress trees above and wading egrets below. The preserve is home to mammals, birds, fish and reptiles, including turtles and an occasional American alligator.

Birding: Songbirds like northern parulas, summer tanagers and great crested flycatchers frequent the area, and migration in spring and fall can yield some interesting visiting species.

Access/Directions: From Interstate 10, take Exit 13 to Davis Highway. Proceed north on Davis Highway to University Parkway. (University Parkway is the next light after Olive Road). Turn left onto University Parkway and continue directly to the campus. Turn left at the traffic light and stop at the Information Center for directions, parking decals and campus maps.